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[X] Information Disclosure Statement  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

[X] This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed within three months of the filing date of the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International application. No fee or certification is required.

PART II - Information Cited

[X] The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

[ ] The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other  
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The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the information cited:

**PART IV: Remarks**

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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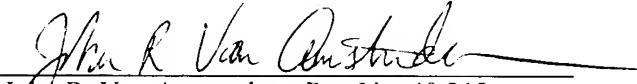
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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	B1	EP	0101285	A2	Koken Co., Ltd.	02-22-1984	
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**OTHER ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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	C1	DAW et al., <i>Biomaterials</i> 19: 1717-1725 (1998)	
	C2	FRANCE et al., <i>J. Mater. Chem.</i> 8(1): 37-42 (1998)	
	C3	HADDOW et al., <i>J. Biomed. Mater. Res.</i> 47: 379-387 (1999)	

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